

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Strategic Plan Update

History/Background:

Existing Policy. At the October 2010 Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) meeting, adoption of the KBE Strategic Plan by the board occurred. The plan's vision is "Every child proficient and prepared for success." Its strategic priorities are Next-Generation Learners, Next-Generation Professionals, Next-Generation Support Systems, Next-Generation Schools/Districts and Strategic Process Development for KDE Support and Guiding Processes. Objectives and goals for each strategic priority are in place.

Although incremental improvement was made toward our goals of proficiency and closing achievement gap in the 2012-13 school year, KDE is not on track to meet those five-year goals. Therefore, a directive was given by Commissioner Holliday to strengthen the existing plans with more emphasis on supporting students in gap groups, earlier interventions and more focus on mathematics. At the February 2014 KBE meeting, Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer, shared with the board a visual representation of the comprehensive system KDE has established to increase the impact it is making on students, particularly those students in gap groups.

In March, strategy assessments are taking place and Commissioner Holliday will be updated by Goal Leads as to the status of the new plans. Karen Dodd will provide a summary of those stocktakes and discuss the summary with the board at the April meeting.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency

Having a strategic plan with specific goals and targets so that progress can be measured is essential to students being proficient and prepared for success – college- and career-ready.

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